

SAG Meeting Notes 12/17/2020

1. Present: Susan Kelly, Peter Whelley, Ron Adams, Dave Ball, Carlos Camacho, Glenn Quinney, Martha Kane, Charlene Lavoie, Cody B, Jeff Martel, Amy McCormac, Allistair S, Kathy Talbot, Joe Diamant, Lorraine Ellis, Pat Dowling, A St. Pierre, Hank Simpson.
2. Kathleen Talbot provided a brief overview of Families First as it pertains to residential treatment programs as well as Qualified Residential Treatment Programs. One of the major requirements for programs to become QRTP is to achieve Accreditation from one of the identified accreditation bodies (CARF, JCO or COA). Funds were allocated for this effort from the Governor's Budget as well as the SAG. The contract approvals were shown as well as the list of NH residential treatment providers and their progress in terms of accreditation. The providers have expressed their thanks as well as Kathleen expressed her thanks to the SAG for their support and support in the process as SAG Member Joe D. was a member of the review team. Kathleen Reviewed Questions which we posed and provided the responses to these questions as well to the group (these have been emailed to Susan).

Reviewed website:

3. Lorraine Ellis spoke to the status of the website; advised that it is being updated as material comes in. There was discussion regarding posting the By-laws to the website, and it was decided to do so. Changes to the website can be sent to Lorraine Ellis by email. A few days lead time is appreciated, to ensure items are posted in a timely manner. Discussed adding the by-laws and executive order that created the group under a heading of "Foundational Documents.

Also mentioned and discussed were Family First, should the (Zoom) quarterly committee, Full committee, and subcommittee, meetings be public as required by law/statute? If so, the zoom link should be posted. In addition, posting the Nashua PD meetings/minutes (via Camacho) on the website. Several of these items will be discussed further with legal counsel.

4. Review and approval of November Meeting Minutes.
5. There was considerate discussion and name-dropping on the subject of inviting a judge to join the Committee; several judges came up for conversation regarding their experience, passions, interactions and influence, and work in their communities. It was also mentioned to perhaps invite the OCA (Moira O'Neil) to participate in the Committee.

Effective police interaction with youth conducted virtually, mirror project needs to be conducted in person. Both were hosted at Nashua PD with 10 officers at a time as a result of social distancing, Manchester ER/D committee taking the driving video project, for educating on a positive interaction with a police officer during a motor vehicle stop. Film the video with Hank and his company and at the end brought to you by the SAG, could be added to YouTube/social media platform to be played in driver's ed classes. Special Olympics network torch run a conference was held which is how director of police standard in training integrated the effectiveness police interaction with youth.

Handle with Care program/language was discussed on how to have consistent language between police/schools in efforts to reinforce positivity as exposure to something the night before. An officer to be assigned to each school in Nashua, but have not been able to go forward with it as a result of pandemic. The officer would notify the school with the “handle with care” language and only that information to not have privacy issues be violated, and simply leave it as handle with care with today.

6. UNH Bias Awareness Update:

Dave – There is/was meeting about 2-weeks include youth voice in the project – UNH w/Poll survey or interviews – some guidance from Daniel to get youth involvement. Education in School – 1 guidance counselor/social workers - throughout the State – Places of worship . . . ? Youth to share experience with interactions. Maybe brainstorm with groups – specifically up North. A confidential survey –

Areas have JJ units – reach out for suggestions.

A diverse group

Upcoming meeting has been cancelled.

SAG part of training? Would be able to have – how many slots? Maybe SAG to observe . . . ?

7. Carlos spoke to the ERD (Ethnic Racial Disparities group)_Keeping minority kids out of the JJ system

Classes on respect involving kids and PD. Goal is to teach and become mentors. A new Culture Diversity Class – previously only 2-hours; now a 16 hour class at the Academy. The inaugural class was held last week with good feedback. It would be a good News Story (Chronicle) – Putting SAG on the map.

8th Graders commercial airing at Chunky’s – waiting to hear. Mirror Program – Northern PDs NH is leading the country with respect to Police Academy Training in that all Law Enforcement go through the same training (Troopers, Sheriff, local PDS and more). So they all get the same diversity and other training/classes and are “on the same page”.

8. There was also discussion regarding the schools SRC (School Resource Officers) – and the consequences of losing these vital positions in NH towns as they don’t want to or can’t budget/lack funding for them. How can we express the importance of this advantageous program?